

An  
Essay  
on conception.

Am  
and a  
-tung,  
sternae  
-Guan  
can  
which  
-goss,  
of ph  
credit  
entire  
to be  
owne  
bragg  
-ins  
corps,  
with  
him of  
The  
-tung,

Amidst the fluctuations of medical science  
and during the disquisition of Physiological ques-  
tions, much has been said with eagerness, and per-  
tinacity on conceptions.

Numerous, and diversified, however as have  
been the theories advanced on the subject,  
which bear date from the time of Pytha-  
goras, many of them like other speculations  
of philosophers, are entitled to no further  
credit than that of ingenuity, and are now  
entombed with their advocates.

As however our art advanced, in im-  
provement, and became illuminated by the  
blaze of sciences, two sects arose, which dis-  
tinct the doctrines of conceptions into distinct  
clashes, to one of which, all theories carrying  
with them, the probability of correctness, have  
been referred.

The first, and most antiquated of these doc-  
trines, argues the preexistence of germs, and that

Case

King

184

1

12

10

100

47/114

of the

1840

about

240

4.

Phil

Boat

17

100

June 7

1760

of the

20. 10. 1911

at the

2  
these groups, created with the beginning of things, were scattered through the world, but ultimately meeting with appropriate genital organs effected a lodgment therein, and became fit for development. This hypothesis however did not stand long before it was stripped of its primitive shape, and pruned of part of its absurdities, by its modern advocates, who alleged that these groups, did not rove about seeking a suitable site, for a habitation and home.

It was on the contrary by them supported that all of the same species, were absolutely immutably, increased, one within another, so that the first parent animal, or vegetable, contained the germ of each succeeding generation, which to be evolved required only the seminal impulse of the male. Some other definition has likewise existed amongst the advocates of Pangenesis, as to the origin, existence, and development of

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page]*

the  
state for  
that  
anima  
is the  
only b  
the b  
high  
istence  
to need  
in prop  
after im  
by  
He is  
spoken  
not let  
Concept  
of the  
actual  
of the

the germ; agreeing however in the fundamental principles of the hypothesis; they maintained, that the germ, as the exact miniature of the animal, or vegetable, to which it belongs, exists in the female prior to fecundation, requiring only the stimulus of the male semen to ~~set~~ it into life.

Epigenesis on the contrary denies the pre-existence of germ, and supposes the fluid contained in the ovarian vesicle, to be the crude unprepared, elementary matter of the foetus, which after impregnation, becomes organized, into an embryo, by the influence of the male semen.

It is under this division that I mean to comprehend, what I conceive at present, to be the most plausible theory of conception.

Conception I shall define to be the impregnation of the ovum, by the stimulus of the male semen, exerted on the vagina, and through the medium of the rest of the genital organs, by sympathy

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page of an open notebook. The text appears to be a continuous paragraph or list of entries, but the characters are too light to transcribe accurately.]*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the right page of the notebook. The text is partially visible along the right edge and includes several lines of script.]*



transmitted to the ovaries.

that it may take place, requiring,

1<sup>st</sup> that, the female should have arrived at the age of puberty.

2<sup>d</sup> that the genital organs, should have completely developed themselves.

3<sup>d</sup> that she should have menstruated, or felt a disposition to do so.

4<sup>th</sup> Of all the operations, of the animal economy, that of generation requiring, that the most perfect harmony, and union, should exist in the uterine system, as any irregularity produces an incapacity to conception.

5<sup>th</sup> that an equal degree of excitement, should exist between the male & female.

6<sup>th</sup> that the semen be applied to the vagina, or uteri, cavity of the uterus, or all of them.

The two first of these propositions I take for conceded; as at present I do not know that the validity of them are questioned.

that  
effort,  
a out-  
instan-  
2 day, a  
origine  
ness to  
what  
fame-  
able to  
of the  
body, a  
it with  
that is  
that the  
from  
in  
cable, dy-  
spontane-  
geat  
Stim-

I have been thinking of the great  
 things that have been done in the  
 world, and how much we have  
 accomplished in the last few  
 years. It seems to me that we  
 have made great progress in  
 many respects, and that we  
 are now in a position to  
 do still more. I am sure that  
 the future will be a bright  
 one for us, and that we  
 will be able to do all that  
 we wish to do. I am sure  
 that we will be able to do  
 all that we wish to do, and  
 that we will be able to do  
 all that we wish to do.







My dear friend, I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this letter will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late about the future of our country and the state of our Union. I feel that we are in a critical position and that the result of the coming year will determine whether we are to remain a united people or become a collection of warring states. I trust that you will share these feelings and that we will be able to do our duty to our country.

I am, dear friend, your sincere friend and ally. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.













The following is a list of the names of the persons  
who have been admitted to the membership of the  
Society since the last meeting. The names are given  
in the order in which they were admitted. The names  
of the persons who have been re-elected are given  
in italics. The names of the persons who have been  
admitted to the membership of the Society are given  
in full. The names of the persons who have been  
re-elected are given in italics. The names of the  
persons who have been admitted to the membership  
of the Society are given in full. The names of the  
persons who have been re-elected are given in italics.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform  
you that the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration. The  
result of their deliberations will be communicated  
to you as soon as it is known. I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Signature]

















2. The first of these is the fact that the

1890



of the same nature as the one before mentioned  
The same thing has been done in the  
case of the other two, and the same thing  
has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two

3. The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two

4. The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two

5. The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two  
The same thing has been done in the case of the other two





I think it is a just, and reasonable conclusion of Dr. Hutton, that fecundation is performed by that law of the animal economy, called sympathy or consent of parts.

That the same first stimulates the vagina as uteri, cavity of the uterus or all of them.

By sympathy, the ovarians vehicle enlarges, projects, and bursts.

By sympathy, the fallopian tubes, incline to the ovaries, and having embraced them, convey the rudiments of the foetus to the uterus.

By sympathy, the uterus makes the necessary preparations for perfecting, the formation, and growth of the foetus, and finally

By sympathy, the breast furnishes milk for its support after birth.

This appears to me to be the most plausible theory of conceptions, whether however it is erroneous or not, I do not see either the advantages or disadvantages which would result, in a practical point of view. Though it is impossible to say to what the discovery of any truth would lead, before it is discovered, yet it is happy for us, that those things which are beyond the comprehension, or which elude the observations

of our  
least  
serving  
affection  
ties, &  
of by

of men of plain understanding, are of the  
least importance in practice. Providence  
having ordained, that the honest and  
assiduous application of ordinary capaci-  
ties, should render us equal to the exigencies  
of life, and the duties we owe to Society.

It is a very common error to suppose that the  
ancient Egyptians were a very ignorant people  
and that they had no knowledge of the  
arts and sciences which we now call  
civilization. It is true that they were not  
as advanced as we are at present, but they  
were not so far behind as is generally  
supposed. They had a knowledge of  
astronomy, geometry, and other sciences  
which were necessary for the construction  
of their temples and pyramids. They also  
had a knowledge of the arts of agriculture  
and domestic industry. In fact, they were  
a very civilized people for their time.